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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : McCown et al.  
Serial No. : 09/057,313  
Filed : April 8, 1998  
Title : CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Docket : 033449-002  
Examiner : McAllister  
Art Unit : 3652

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and it is requested that this Amendment be entered prior to further examination. This Amendment supercedes and replaces all of the previously-submitted Amendments After Final Rejection, and it is requested that those Amendments After Final Rejection not be entered. Please amend this application as follows: